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TAGS: IAEA (CHERNILIN, YURI F.)

SUBJECT: IAEA DDG CHERNILIN

REF: IAEA VIENNA 2612

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, WE HAVE PICKED UP FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL REPORTS RE CHERNILIN'S ALLEGED "HEART ATTACK."

2. CHERNILIN APPARENTLY LEFT COPENHAGEN MARCH 6 VIA
SAS FLIGHT 971 TO BANGKOK, WHICH STOPS FOR REFUELING IN
TASHKENT. CHERNILIN REPORTEDLY DISEMBARKED AT TASHKENT
EITHER AT THIS INITIATIVE OR BY REQUEST. (WE SUSPECT
LATTER).

3. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER SOVIET IAEA STAFF MEMBER,
CHERNILIN IS STILL AT HOME AND IS NOT RPT NOT NOW GOING
TO HOSPITAL, BUT HE IS NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN
FOR "SEVERAL WEEKS."

4. ED BRUNENKANT, SENIOR U.S. STAFF MEMBER
ON AGENCY'S STAFF, VISITED MOSCOW LAST WEEK ON
OFFICIAL BUSINESS, AND MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO
TELEPHONE CHERNILIN (WHO IS HIS BOSS AND WITH WHOM
HE HAS ALWAYS HAD CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP), ALL
OF WHICH WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. HE ALSO ASKED TO SEE
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CHERNILIN, AND, IN HIS WORDS, PUT GREAT DEAL OF

"PRESSURE" ON HIS SOVIET HOSTS TO ARRANGE MEETING.
AFTER SOME CONSIDERATION BY SOVIETS, HE WAS GIVEN
NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

5. DG EKLUND TOLD ME THAT HE TRIED TO PHONE
CHERNILIN APRIL 10, BUT WAS ALSO UNABLE TO REACH HIM.
(GERMAN-SPEAKING PERSON ANSWERED CHERNILIN'S PHONE AND
INDICATED HE UNAVAILABLE. BRUNENKANT SAID HE ALSO WAS
REBUFFED EACH TIME IN SAME WAY BY GERMAN-SPEAKING
PERSON).

6. BELIEVE DG NOW INCLINED TO THINK CHERNILIN IS
NOT RPT NOT LIKELY TO COME BACK. THIS SUPPORTS OUR
OWN CONCLUSION. PORTER

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